



THE GROUP THREE UNIT INSIGNIA

The Blue symbolizes determination and the sky, the principal domain of the United States Air Force and the Civil Air Patrol. The Gold symbolizes honor, excellence and mission accomplishment. The Red symbolizes dedication and sacrifice, whereas the White symbolizes integrity and fidelity.

The flight symbol pointing upward and the conjoined and elevated gold wings denote mission readiness and success. The Civil Air Patrol triangle and propeller denote the equal focus on all mission areas. The red and white background in thirds symbolizes the three main missions of CAP and while the division of the background into thirds also alludes to the unit's numeric designation. The red and white also allude to the colors of the Florida State Flag.

The Group 3 unit insignia is based on the Group 8 unit insignia. Group 8 was deactivated and merged with Group 3 in April 2009.

In the ancient Anglo-Norman French language of Heraldry, which is still in use today, the insignia would be written (blazoned) as follows:

Azure (Blue) a winged arrow point gules (Red) wings elevated and addorsed Or (Gold), in chief a triangle argent (White) charged with a three bladed propeller gules, a bordure gyronny gules and argent.

The Group 3 unit insignia was designed by Col Alvin J. Bedgood in April 2009, and approved by the Florida Wing Commander in May 2009.